

The English Department

The Department is staffed by 15 specialist English teachers, several with additional qualifications and experience in Drama and Media.

We are based in a dedicated suite of 9 classrooms in the school's theatre block.

As a department we believe in the importance of literature, both for its intrinsic merit and as a form of enrichment in the development of language skills. We value reading highly and see it as one of the keys to our success.

This is a school that encourages its students to find their voice and we have a successful record in regional and national competitions for Debating, Public Speaking and Mock Trials. We work closely with the Drama department and undertake many joint activities, with members of the department assisting or directing school performances, of which there are at least three a year.

We offer a two year Key Stage 3 and a three year Key Stage 4 programme. We stream our groups from early in Year 7 to maximise opportunities for all our students to reach their potential in this core subject. All curriculum maps have recently been remodelled in order to greater reflect the level of challenge and rigour demanded by new exams, and the department work collaboratively in order to produce the best quality resources for teaching. We follow the Edexcel curriculum at GCSE.

We offer AS/2 levels in both English Literature and English Language and Literature and pride ourselves on the successes of our students. In addition, we offer Media Studies A Level following the Eduqas specification, which allows pupils to access dedicated equipment in one of our teaching rooms.

The strengths of the Department lie in its collegiality, love of the subject, and the desire to allow every pupil to achieve their potential. The successful applicant will play a key role in improving standards further and contributing to the wider life of the school.

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Head of English